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1. Classified by Charge d'Affaires a.i. Frederick Cook;
for reasons 1.5 (B) and (D)

SUMMARY

2. (C) Following on a widely-observed day of absenteeism within the state-owned oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), on March 21, PDVSA President Parra acted late Friday afternoon, March 22, to force the early retirement of two senior PDVSA executives. Representatives of the PDVSA Worker's Assembly met on Sunday, March 24, and announced an April 1 deadline for response to their demand that the two executives be re-instated.

End Summary.

PDVSA PROTESTS CONTINUE

3. (C) PDVSA employees continued their protest during the week of March 18 with a day of absenteeism on March 21. The press reports that approximately 80 percent of PDVSA's administrative staff stayed home that day.

EARLY RETIREMENT OR ELSE

4. (U) In the aftermath of the absences on March 21, PDVSA President Gaston Parra called in two senior managers on Friday afternoon, March 22, and offered them the choice of being fired or taking early retirement: Oscar Marillo, PDVSA's General Counsel; and Armando Izquierdo, Public Affairs Manager.

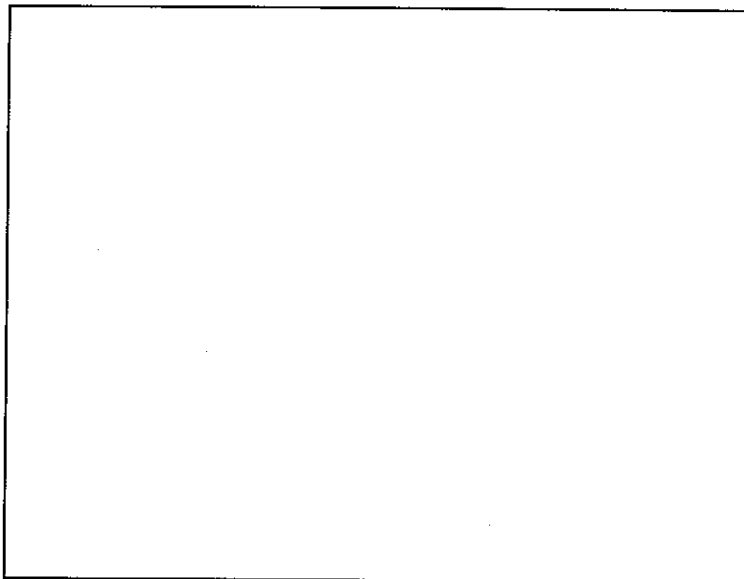
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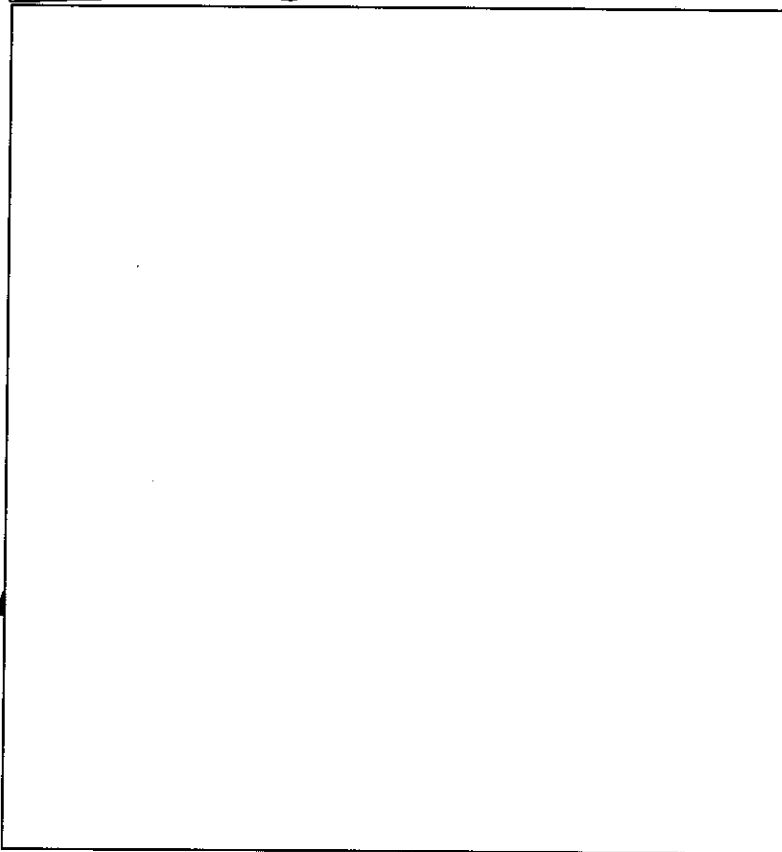
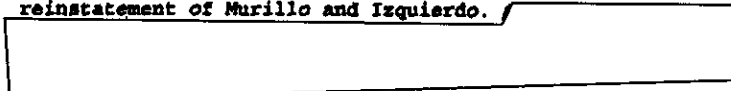
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7. (C) Representatives of the PDVSA Worker's Assembly met on Sunday, March 24, and announced an April 1 deadline for response to their demands, which now include the reinstatement of Murillo and Izquierdo.



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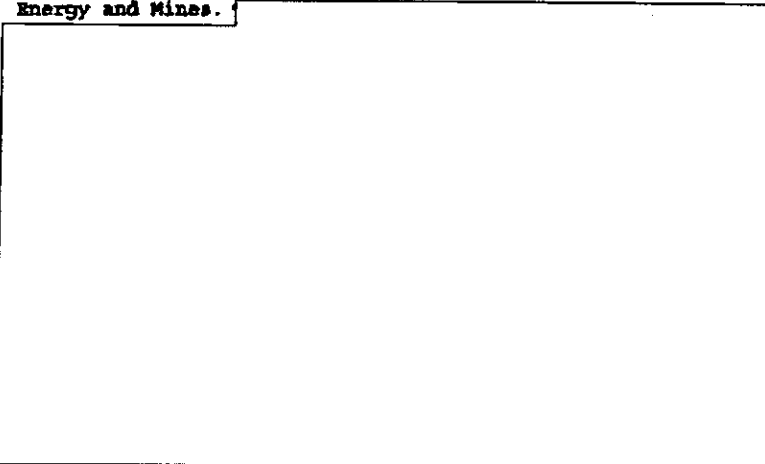
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10. (C) The National Assembly acted the week of March 18 to form a mediating committee under the auspices of Luis Salas, the head of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Energy and Mines.



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